

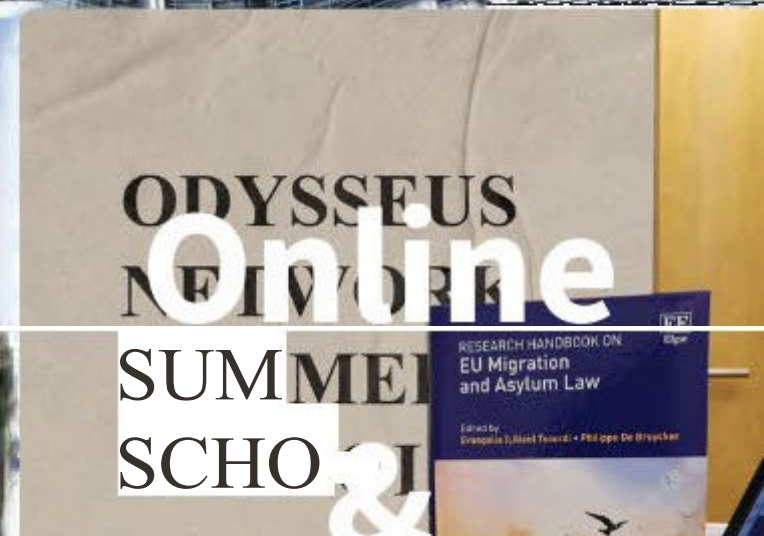


Odysseus Academic Network

SUMMER SCHOOL

on EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy

24th Edition



With brand new courses on the Pact Migration & Asylum



Including PhD Seminar with **4 GRANTS AVAILABLE**

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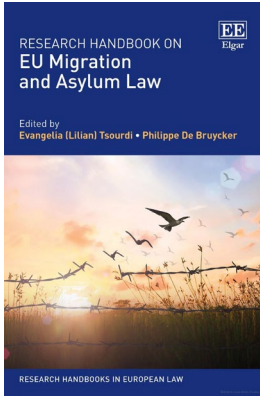


UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES



Faculté de Droit & Criminologie

THE SUMMER SCHOOL IN A NUTSHELL



The participants will receive the Handbook on EU Migration and Asylum Law of more than 500 pages which is the companion of the summer school.

▪ **A program well-known by professionals in the area made of 3 parts:**

- Introductory courses
- Migration including visas & borders
- Asylum
- **With new and up-to-date courses about all the instruments adopted under the EU Migration & Asylum Pact, including a brand new course on Schengen**
- Including a PhD seminar with four grants
- Accompanied by a crowdfunding campaign to help refugee-students to participate

▪ **Interesting for students and also professionals** with courses during afternoons to allow persons at work to follow the summer school

▪ **To acquire an in-depth knowledge of EU Migration and Asylum Law**

- A program legally oriented but accessible to non-jurists
- Courses including theory and some practical elements
- Including evening debates on last developments regarding the Migration and Asylum Pact
- & controversial issues like accountability of Frontex, scope of application of human rights, law of the sea and migration, artificial intelligence & algorithms...

▪ **Professors among best specialists from all EU Member States**

- Including practitioners from EU Institutions (Commission, Council, Parliament & EU Agencies)

▪ **Bilingual program on-site but also on-line**

- All courses on site are given separately in English and in French except those given by guest speakers in English only
- The courses available online are those given in English (French courses are not available online)



▪ **The right place to discover the capital of Europe**

- To meet a group of 100 persons interested by EU Migration and Asylum Law
- And to build a professional network !

Discover the Summer School with [this video](#)

INTRODUCTION

The objective is to provide the participants a global understanding of the European Migration and Asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2024. The program is made of 3 three parts (introductory courses, migration including visa & borders plus asylum). The summer school has trained more than 2000 persons and is well known among employers considering it as an asset for job seekers. The summer school is organised by the Odysseus Network for Legal Studies on Migration and Asylum in Europe founded with the support of the European Commission. In addition to classes, the summer school provides an excellent opportunity to spend an intellectually stimulating time in a group of around 100 participants.

The location of the summer school in Brussels creates a unique European environment with participants from different countries from all over Europe who typically includes EU & Member State officials, representatives of NGOs & international organisations, lawyers, judges, social workers, PhD and graduate students, researchers, etc. The classes are taught by academics originating from many Member States and by high-ranking officials from the European Institutions, particularly the European Commission.

LANGUAGES



Courses onsite are *in principle* taught separately in English AND in French to allow participants to choose between those two languages, with the exception of those given by guest speakers which will be exclusively in English. The courses online are only available in English. The organisers may ask French-speakers having chosen the English group to move to the French-speaking group in order to balance the number of participants between both groups.

A Special Focus on the New Migration & Asylum Pact

This 24th edition of the summer school will focus on the new instruments to be adopted in 2024 under the New Migration & Asylum Pact. All courses will be entirely updated and cover extensively the issues of screening, Dublin and solidarity between Member States, Asylum Procedures, Eurodac, crisis, force majeure and instrumentalisation, reception conditions, qualification & asylum agency.

NEW COURSES

New courses are introduced in the program like EU criminal law on migration, the Law of the sea and Migration, as well as Schengen. On top, the annual reports produced by the EU Asylum Agency (EUAA) and the European Migration Network (EMN) will be presented and discussed. Finally, the program will end with a general debate gathering all the participants to the summer school to exchange views by building upon their knowledge.

Special Series of blog posts on the ‘New’ Migration and Asylum Pact

The discussions during the summer school will be fueled by a series of numerous posts on the content of the New Migration & Asylum Pact to be published between March and June 2024 on the [website of the Odysseus Network](#)



SCHEDULE

The first general part of the program includes around 14 hours of lectures and the second and third special parts on asylum and immigration around 30 hours in total. Each day is generally made of two classes of 2 to 3 hours with a coffee-break in between. In order to enable participants in full-time employment to attend the classes, courses take place mainly in the afternoon between 13:00 and 19:00.

AN ONLINE VERSION

At the 20th anniversary of the summer school due to the sanitary crisis, the Odysseus Network has decided to set up a **new online version of the summer school for English speakers** on top of the existing onsite version. This will allow persons who cannot travel to Brussels to follow the summer school. This version built on the platform Teams of Microsoft is identical to the onsite version.

All the courses and evening events will be accessible live (meaning at the moment they take place in Brussels). Online participants will be involved actively in the summer school. A moderator will give them priority to ask questions and make comments.

All participants are allowed to mix the online and onsite versions of the summer school, so that they can decide to follow the classes at home or in Brussels depending upon their choice. To follow the online version of the summer school, you do not need more than a recent computer with a camera and a **good internet connection**. Technical assistance will be available during the summer school and a training session about the use of Teams will be organised a few days in advance.

TEACHING APPROACH

The classes have a legal focus and combine theoretical and some practical elements. They tackle the most recent legislative and jurisprudential developments of the EU migration and asylum policies and favor discussions, in particular during evening debates. The latest developments of the migration and asylum law will be analysed with the contribution of European officials. Each participant will have access to up-to-date documentation on an electronic platform.

SUBJECTS

PART I	PART II Specialised Lecture	
Introductory Lectures	MIGRATION	ASYLUM
Opening Lecture	External borders control	Reception conditions for asylum seekers
Free movement of EU citizens	European visa policy	European concepts of refugee & subsidiary protection
	Labor migration	
European institutional framework	Family reunification	Member States responsibility ("Dublin system")
Implications of human rights	Status & integration of third country nationals	Asylum procedures
External relations & EU migration policy	European criminal Law on migration	Solidarity between Member States
European Databases (SIS, VIS, Eurodac, etc).	Return & readmission	Temporary Protection
Schengen	Law of the sea and Migration	European Agencies

LECTURERS

The lecturers include many members of the Odysseus Network as well as other experts in EU migration & asylum law. The program alternates between experienced professors and younger colleagues specialised in a particular field to ensure that all courses, even the most technical, are taught by an expert of the area. The diversity of speakers who come from all over the EU allows the expression of views from different Member States. There are also several speakers from the European institutions (in particular the European Commission's DG Migration and Home Affairs). On top, some panels may include lawyers who are involved in cases before the European Court of Human rights or the European Court of Justice. You will find below is a list of speakers over the past years. These are only examples but several of them will appear on the 2024 program.

Belgium 	Jean-Yves CARLIER, Sylvie SAROLEA Université catholique de Louvain	Belgium 	Philippe De BRUYCKER Université libre de Bruxelles	Belgium 	Sarah GANTY Universiteit Ghent
Denmark 	Jens VEDSTED-HANSEN University of Aarhus	France 	Henri LABAYLE, Faculté de Droit de Bayonne	France 	Ségolène BARBOU DES PLACES Université Panthéon Sorbonne
France 	Emmanuel AUBIN Université de Poitiers	Germany 	Daniel THYM Konstanz Universität	Greece 	Akis PAPASTAVRIDIS, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
Greece 	Achilles SKORDAS, Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg	Netherlands 	Thomas SPIJKERBOER, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Netherlands 	Lilian TSOURDI Maastricht University
Netherlands 	Lieneke SLINGENBERG, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Netherlands 	Tesseltje DE LANGE Radboud Universiteit	Netherlands 	Jorrit RIJPMAN University of Leiden
Romania 	Madalina MORARU, University of Bologna	Spain 	Paula GARCIA ANDRADE Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid	Switzerland 	Vincent CHETAIL Geneva Graduate Institute
Switzerland 	Francesco MAIANI, University of Lausanne	Turkey 	Meltem CIGER University of Suleiman	UK 	Elsbeth GUILD, Queen Mary University of London
UK 	Steve PEERS University of Essex	UK 	Niovi VAVOULA Queen Mary University of London	UK 	Violeta MORENO-LAX, Queen Mary University London
UK 	Valsamis MITSILEGAS University of Liverpool	EU 	Tineke STRIK Member of the European Parliament	EU 	Fabian LUTZ DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
	Tamas MOLNAR	Curia 	Nuno PICARRA Judge at the European Court of Justice	Egmont Institute 	Jean-Louis DE BROUWER Director of the European Programme

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#REFYOUNGEES

CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS-REFUGEES SCHOLARSHIPS

The objective of this initiative is to offer a group of student-refugees to take part in the summer school, gain knowledge in EU migration and asylum law and complete their education that may have been interrupted by their forced departure from their home country. A number of refugees working in NGOs have already benefited from it since the launch of this initiative in 2016. The initiative RefYOUgees organised with the support of the Université libre de Bruxelles is based on crowdfunding. Help us with a small or big donation via <https://gogetfunding.com/scholarships-for-refugees-2024/>



PHD SEMINAR - FOUR GRANTS AVAILABLE

A PhD Seminar is organised during the summer school. It offers to a group of ten doctoral researchers & students the opportunity to present their PhD project and receive feedback from a panel of Odysseus Members. The seminar is mainly for legal PhDs, but candidates in political science or international relations whose thesis include legal aspects can be accepted in agreement with the organisers. These sessions are in English, but some may be organised in French upon request.

The selected PhDs students need to register to the summer school and pay the registration fees for PhDs. They will follow the entire program like any participant to the summer school in addition to the PhDs Seminar of around 10 hours.

Four grants are available for PhD students or researchers and will be attributed on the basis of academic record and financial needs. The grants cover the registration fee (with the exception of € 350 subscription fees) as well as travel and accommodation costs. Grant beneficiaries are requested to contribute to the coordination of the English or French speaking group of participants.

The closing date for applications is 15 May 2024. On top of the registration form, The applicants must complete carefully the [PhD catalogue available](#) on the Odysseus website



DEBATES & OTHER EVENTS

In addition to the opening lecture and some cocktails, a series of optional activities is organised during the summer school on the campus of the ULB:

- Evening Discussions about the New Migration & Asylum Pact and the use of artificial intelligence in the area of migration and asylum;
- Evenings debates based on the most recent case law with speakers ranging from lawyers engaged in cases pending before the European Court of Human Rights or the Court of Justice of the EU, Members of the European Parliament, judges, high officials of EU institutions, Justice & Home Affairs advisers of Member States' Permanent Representations, as well as representatives of international organisation and NGOs;
- A "Who is who?" session for socialisation between the participants of the summer school;
- Morning sessions with presentations of PhD projects;

As other events will be added to the program over time, you are invited to consult our website for the most recent information. Persons registered to the summer school will be kept informed via email.



NETWORKING

An evening cocktail will be organised during the summer school where people working for EU Institutions (European Parliament, Commission, Council, EU Agencies), international organisations (UNHCR,...), NGOs (ECRE,...), think tanks (EPC,...) and consultancy companies are invited to give the participants of the summer school the opportunity to make contacts that could help them to find a traineeship or a job.

VISITS TO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

Staying in the capital of Europe is a unique opportunity to discover the EU institutions and to meet high-level officials who come to lecture in the summer school. A visit to the European Parliament will be organised. Participants will also take the opportunity to spend a moment in the heart of the European quarter at Place du Luxembourg where people working in EU institutions go for an after-work drink.



European Parliament

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



FACILITIES

Participants will have access to the summer school's private electronic platform under TEAMS containing all documents used during the courses, including power point presentations of the speakers. **Participants are therefore encouraged to bring their own laptop.** They will also have access to the various university facilities (wifi, libraries, cafeterias, medical and sports facilities, etc.).



CERTIFICATE

The program does not require any written work to be submitted or exams to be taken. Some prior readings are recommended. Participants who sign the attendance register for at least 80% of the courses will receive a certificate of attendance. The presence of online participants will also be checked. The certificate will be delivered at the closing cocktail or sent afterwards by post.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have some legal background. They must have either completed a university degree (**at least a BA** or equivalent with 3 years of studies) in Law, Political Science, European Studies or International Relations (graduates of other disciplines will be considered depending upon the legal courses they have followed) or have an equivalent professional experience in a relevant field. Successful candidates will have to submit a copy of their university degree before the start of the Summer School.

REGISTRATION - FEES

	Student (without income)	NGO/ PhD/	Professional Trainee
Deposit fee	€ 325	€350	€ 400
Balance	€ 300	€500	€ 900
Total	€ 625	€850	€1300

For notice, the program is self-financed by the registration fees paid by the participants and does not rely on any subvention. All speakers give freely their time!

The fees are the same for the onsite and the online version of the Summer School.

To apply for the Summer School, please send back the registration form available on the Odysseus website. Candidates must pay a registration fee of € 325, 350 or 400 Euros depending upon the category to which they belong as mentioned above) to introduce their file. **Only candidates who have paid that amount at the latest on 15 May 2024 will be taken in consideration.** This amount will not be reimbursed if the candidate withdraws without 'force majeure' but well if the applicant is not selected by the Odysseus Network to participate in the summer school.

The fees cover the cost of classes, handbook, access to electronic platform, university facilities, visits, cocktails and coffee-breaks. Fees do not include travel, food and accommodation. A limited number of students rooms on the campus will be available at a low price. In order to keep your place, payments should be made by bank transfer to the account below at the latest on 15 May 2024:

Account Name: Réseau ODYSSEUS

Bank: BNP Parisbas Fortis Bank

Branch: Agence Ixelles Boondael

Chaussée de Boondael, 466

Bruxelles 1050 Belgique

IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908

National bank account: 0012 1223 8908

BIC: GEBABEBB

Reference: 2024 Summer School & your name

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APPLICATION FORM

